

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

03rd March 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 03rd March

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Ash Wednesday Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Ash Wednesday Mass	07.30pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina	10.00am
	Friday Mass	09.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday Morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.

Mass in Chapel Hill 02nd March at 5.45pm & 16th March at 5.30pm.

Mass in Mong 09th March at 5.30pm & 23rd March 5.30pm

Please note that Masses in Chapel Hill and Mong will change time, with Mass in Mong at 5.30pm from 9th March and Mass in Chapel Hill moving to 5.30pm on 16th March.

Deaths/Anniversaries: **Ann Walsh**, 30, Cloughabrody Heights (Months Mind 7pm Mass) **Anthony (Tony) Kehoe**, Jerpoint West (7pm Mass); **Jamie & Margaret Minogue**, Ballydonnell (7pm Mass); **Mai Behan**, Cloughabrody (11am Mass); **Teresa Maher**, Ladywell; **Margaret Deneeffe**, **Jamie Oliver Deneeffe**, **Oliver Deneeffe**, **Michael Deneeffe**, Ballydonnell; **Frank Woods**, Jerpoint Hill; **Mary Roche**, Logan Street.; **Patricia Ryan**, Friars Hill; **Michael Dempsey**, 23, Newtown Terrace; **Paddy O'Reilly**, Newtown; **Tommy Reddy**, Dangan; **Michael Doyle**, Legan .May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Roly Collier & Alice Collier (7pm Mass); Thomas (Tom) Lannon, 33, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind 9.30am Mass); **Bridget Ryan**, Stoneyford (9.30am Mass)

Ministers of the Eucharist month March: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

07.00pm	Mary Butler	Joe Murphy	Sr. De Lourdes
11.00am	Seamus Quigley	Breda Bergin	Anne Donnelly

Ministers of the Word month of March: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Betty O'Connor	Mary Lannon	Tom Brett
Pat Doherty	Maureen Sherlock	Alice Challoner

You Shall be my Witnesses The 4-week programme concludes on Tuesday at 7.30pm, at the National School. A Thanks to the group of Moms and Dads who have conducted the programme over the four weeks.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St Columba's on Tuesday evening from 8.00 - 9.00. All welcome. Tea afterwards.

Cathedral Draw: Congratulations to Henry Teesdale, first out in the Draw on last Wednesday, and to John Coone, the promoter. The current Draw has concluded. Over four years the Draw has raised €452,000 for the restoration of the Cathedral. Thanks to all who contributed. The first draw of Year Five will be held on Wednesday 27th March. Do please consider joining.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, under the auspices of the Senior Citizens Committee, will be held on Sunday 17 March 2019 at 1.30pm at The Community Hall. If you like to attend, or have any enquiries, contact the Senior Citizens Shop at the Community Hall Thursdays or Fridays.

Fiver Friday: The School of Food pop up restaurant will be open from 12pm – 2pm every Friday serving a delicious lunch! We will also have a take away option available from 11.30am. All dishes €5 or whatever you would like to donate.

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group: Tuesday 5th March 2019, 3.00-4.30pm at **The Village Day Centre**. Information and support for past and present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. All are welcome. For more information call 056-7771230.

The Watercolour Art Group Exhibition: continues in the Gallery at The Watergarden, Ladywell Street, Thomastown from February 21st to March 26th. All welcome. Anyone interested in joining the group please contact Miriam on 086 3047711 or Mary on 086 1553688. The group meets for four hours (10am – 12 noon) every Thursday morning.

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants for Thomastown and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own homes. We also offer a "earn while you learn" programme for individuals who want to gain a QQI level 5 qualification and earn an income at the same time. Come to our recruitment open day on March 5th in Hotel Kilkenny from 10am to 4pm to discuss our current opportunities. Alternatively, email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 7789952.

Thomastown United: With the new season about to begin, Thomastown United are on the lookout for any volunteers who can help out at the club, especially for coaching teams. Please contact Mary Synnott on 086 0269880 if you can help, or if you wish to register to play.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email glenmore@ossory.ie

Lent begins on Wednesday! Consider how you may make this a time of grace and blessing for yourself and your family.

Think **Trocaire!** Packs are available at the Churches this weekend. A little self-denial may help many others.

From Ossory Adult Faith Development –

Lenten tweet of a Daily thought for each day. Follow our Diocesan Twitter account@ossorydiocese

Lent Web Post Daily Thought: a short movie each day online. Log on to www.ossory.ie

Lent Text of the Day: a short daily text message, to your phone. Text your mobile number to Ossory Faith Development Group at 095-8313100, or email afd@ossory.ie or telephone 056-7753624.

Parish Lenten Programme: for the last few years the Parish Council has run evenings of reflection and prayer during Lent. This year the Council plans to hold these evenings in conjunction with our Saturday evening Masses, on Saturday 23rd March, Saturday 30th March, and Saturday 6th April. So that congregations benefit from these evenings, please note that Masses in Chapel Hill and Mong will not be held on those dates.

Parish Prayer: We pray for our parish, our family and friends: that we may all be willing to open our hearts to God, to admit our mistakes, to make a change, and to speak up for what is right.